

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE
TASK FORCE**



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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed with this note a copy of a letter from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to the Ethics Commission wherein the Commission is requested to take any and all steps within its power to discipline Howard Lazar, Street Artists Program Director for the Arts Commission, for multiple willful violations of the City's Sunshine Ordinance.

Please recall that the Task Force, in a letter dated June 17, 2011, called your attention to numerous instances in which Arts Commission staff personnel (1) had withheld disclosable public information, oral and/or documentary, in violation of the Ordinance and the California Public Records Act, and (2) had repeatedly failed to send a knowledgeable representative to Task Force hearings into citizens' allegations of said, such failures also constituting a violation of the Ordinance.

The Task Force felt this was necessary and proper especially at this time, as deliberations on the City's 2011-12 are in progress; every City entity must be held accountable for the amount of money it is requesting, its intended use of that money, and its expenditures during the current and previous fiscal years.

By copying to you our letter to the Ethics Commission, the Task Force wishes to renew your attention to the apparently standard practice by certain Arts Commission staff personnel to dodge that accountability, and we again urge that you raise concerns with the Arts Commission on this matter. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard A. Knee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard A. Knee
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Chair

Enclosure: Letter from Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to Ethics Commission

Cc: Arts Commission